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ROUSTER MURDERS STEAMBOAT MATE

Edward Lannon of Joe Fowler Victim of Bullet

It is Believed Shooting Was Deliberately Planned Before the Boat Left.

BALL ENTERS HIS ABDOMEN.

Edward Lannon, mate of the steamer Joe Fowler, who was shot last night at New Liberty, Ill., by Charles Rachael, a roustabout, died at noon today at the Riverside hospital. He made a dying statement incriminating Rachael. Lannon and his brother lived in Paducah for some time. They were both river men and well known. His father and brother will arrive this afternoon from Nashville.

Edward Lannon, second mate on the steamer Joe Fowler, plying between Paducah and Evansville, was fatally shot in the back at New Liberty, Ill., by Charles Rachael, a negro roustabout yesterday afternoon. The negro escaped and Lannon was taken to Smithland for medical attention. Later he was brought to Paducah on the Fowler after the doctors pronounced the wound fatal. The Joe Fowler left Paducah yesterday. She got in late from Evansville last night. En route down Lannon and the negro had words, ending in Lannon using force in ejecting him from the cabin. No more was thought of the incident.

At New Liberty, Ill., across the river from Smithland, a calf was secured for transportation and it required several rousters, Rachael among them, to put the calf on Lannon superintended the job, and while descending the bank to reach the boat was shot.

Rachael was behind him, and without a word drew a revolver and fired three shots, one taking effect in the back, going through the abdomen. Lannon fell and Rachael ran for the woods. Lannon was placed on the boat and taken to Smithland where Attorney John K. Hendrick and others, thinking he would die, secured his dying statement.

Captain Howard, desiring to secure the best medical attention, turned his boat back and brought Lannon to Paducah, where he was transferred to Riverside hospital.

Lannon was from Nashville and ran on the Henry Harkey until a few weeks ago. He has a father and brother in Nashville.

Rachael is a negro well known on the river between Paducah and Evansville. He had been on the Fowler only a few trips, however. Officers are after him.

On examination at Riverside hospital, Lannon was found to have been shot through the left side, the bullet lodging near the surface on the other side of the abdomen. An operation by Dr. Frank Boyd, assisted by Drs. J. T. Reddick, W. J. Bass and L. L. Smith, disclosed the fact that the bullet in its course had terribly mutilated some of the intestines. It was necessary to remove the injured part. On account of this and the filling of his stomach with blood, he could not recover.

Dr. L. D. Adams, of Smithland, accompanied the wounded man from that town to the hospital, where he turned the case over to the local surgeons.

Murder Was Planned. That the murder of Edward Lannon, second mate on the steamer Joe Fowler, deliberately was planned and executed, is indicated today by a remark Jesse Amos, an employee of Fowler, Crumbaugh & company, overheard yesterday afternoon just before that steamer left for Evansville.

While passing two of the cabin boys on the wharft, Amos overheard one of them say, "They're going to kill somebody at Smithland." He thought it was the talk of the cabin boys and paid no attention to the remark, until the murder last night recalled it and its significance was realized. If the intention on the part of Charles Rachael was sufficiently matured to be the talk of the cabin boys, it is evident that the shooting was as coldblooded as any in the history of the river. That the shooting did not take place at Smithland, probably was due to no favorable opportunity presenting itself. When the steamer reached New Liberty it was intensely dark and the movements on the wharf there presented a cowardly opportunity which Rachael improved.

Will Test Phoenix Claims. Vienna, Dec. 18.—In all San Francisco claims against the Austrian Phoenix Insurance company, growing out of the earthquake and fire, of which the company repudiated \$12,000,000, a test suit will be brought to test the legality of the company's refusal to settle.

ENCAMPMENT ELECTS

Officers Will Be Installed at Meeting January 7.

The election of officers of the Union Encampment No. 70, I. O. O. F., last night at the Fraternity building resulted as follows:

Chief patriarch—A. R. Davis; senior warden—James Householder; high priest—J. M. Cockrell; scribe—C. G. Kelley; treasurer—J. C. Martin; junior warden—S. A. Hill.

Peter J. Beckenbach was nominated a member of the encampment board of directors of the Fraternity building.

The installation will be January 7.

REASSIGN

TEACHERS ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS OF MISS MURRAY.

New Room in McKinley Building Will Be Ready for Use on January 1.

The school board committee on examinations has assigned the teachers for the best results until Miss Mary Owen Murray returns to work the second term.

Miss Murray, who teaches mathematics, is ill. Miss Margaret Acker was transferred yesterday from the fifth and sixth grades Washington school, fifth Miss Murray's place. Miss Jessie P. Robbins, of the second grade, Franklin school, was given Miss Acker's room and Miss Bessie Karnes took Miss Robbins' room.

New School Room. January 1 will see the new room being fitted out to care for the overflow at McKinley school in Mechanicsburg completed, and the anxiety of school officials will have only to put in the seats.

THIEVES

GET IN THEIR WORK DURING HOLIDAY SEASON.

Bauer's Saloon at 900 Washington Street and May Averitt's House Robbed.

The police report a steady increase in larceny in Paducah as the holidays draw near and residents leave their homes unprotected to do holiday shopping.

Sunday morning A. V. Bauer's grocery and saloon 900 Washington street, was burglarized. The proprietor had closed his store at 12 o'clock and had gone home. He left a great deal of money in the cash register and about \$50 in cash in the cash drawer, which was securely locked. The thieves broke glass in the rear door and entered. They secured \$40 in change from the cash drawer. The cash register was locked and shows evidences of having been tampered with.

Woman Loses \$75. May Averitt, whose house is at Eighth and Harris streets, reports that Saturday night she was robbed of \$75, some clothes, and a gold watch, by Bessie Hudson, alias Ida Johnson, an inmate of her house. The woman, it is alleged, took the key to the Averitt woman's trunk while the latter was away, opened the trunk and secured the money, watch and clothes, even taking the trunk key with her on leaving. The police hold a warrant for the Hudson woman's arrest but have been unable to find her.

POPULAR COUPLE.

Go to Cairo Today and Are Married There.

Mr. Oscar Leible, the grover, of Fourth and Clark streets, son of Mr. Chris Leible, went to Cairo this morning with Miss Clara Roger, where they will marry. The couple was accompanied by Mrs. Albany C. Meyers and Mrs. Edgar Everts. The wedding will take place this afternoon and the four will return tonight. The bride and groom are well known and popular residents of the south side. The bride is a niece of Mrs. William Aday.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

NOT BUYING HERE FROM PRINCETON

Too Far To Ship Tobacco In Loose State

Interesting Situation for Independent Growers—Imperial Sends to Hopkinsville.

EFFECT ON EUROPEAN TRADE

Inquiry among the local independent tobacco warehouses fails to substantiate the rumor that they are buying tobacco around Princeton and Kuttawa. The withdrawal of some of the independent buyers from those towns, and the refusal of many of the farmers to enter the Dark Tobacco association, has resulted in an interesting situation. What they will do to market their tobacco gave rise to the rumor that independent buyers from Paducah were stepping in and absorbing the surplus.

The Imperial Tobacco company is surmounting the difficulty by shipping the tobacco loose in cars by rail from Princeton to their rehandling warehouse at Hopkinsville. There they prize it for shipment abroad. It is probable that such action will be the solution of all the marketing problems of the independent farmers. But Paducah buyers have never bought tobacco in the Princeton market and it would be too costly to ship it here loose. It is said that Clarksville buyers are making purchases in Princeton and Kuttawa.

The Dark Tobacco association has obtained a foothold in Lyon county with the organization there yesterday of a county association. W. J. Stone was elected chairman. The report says about one-half the tobacco in the county was pledged.

The European Trade. Mr. W. B. Kennedy, the tobacco broker, has returned from an extensive European trip in the interest of his tobacco business, and incidentally in the interest of this section of the tobacco country. Mr. Kennedy visited Ireland, England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and Belgium.

He said he found the tobacco business generally in a flourishing condition, but that the Princeton incident disturbed foreign plans greatly, they having a feeling of disgust more than anything else, over the occurrence. If such occurrences are to be always imminent, the foreign trade will be too uncertain to expand as it would under normal conditions. Mr. Kennedy today is busy visiting the local tobacco men and informing them of the foreign situation as he saw it. His trip is expected to give this city valuable information along that line.

ROGERS GUARDED.

Standard Oil Magnate's Life Threatened by Loser.

New York, Dec. 18.—Because of threats on his life by a stockholder, who sustained severe losses in the St. Paul stock, Henry H. Rogers, director general of the Standard Oil company, today is guarded closely by detectives. The entrance to his office is watched by sleuths. No one is permitted to see the millionaire, who is not known to the doorman. Detectives watched the Rogers' house all night. Rogers received a letter Sunday which threatened his life.

CANAL ACROSS CAPE COD.

August Belmont and a Company Take Up Work.

New York, Dec. 18.—After a discussion of more than 250 years, the construction of a canal across Cape Cod has been taken up by August Belmont and a company and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Within three years an eight mile channel deep enough to accommodate any coasting ship will be opened across the cape from Buzzards' Bay to Sandwich. The canal will cost ten millions.

CHARITY CLUB

Moving Into New Quarters on South Third Street.

Mr. Jap Toner, secretary for the Charity club, did not wait until Monday to take charge of his new office at 135 South Third street, but moved in today. He secured a desk at the city hall and other necessary furniture, including a stove. He was relieved of several cases this week and sent three persons to the hospital.

Killed Unfaithful Wife. Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Henry Sussman, 19 years old, was found guilty today of murder in the second degree for killing his girl wife, who had been unfaithful to him.

IN THIS SECTION.

Louisville, Dec. 18.—C. C. McChord, of the Kentucky railroad commission, received a telegram today from Interstate Commerce Commissioner Harlan, asking him to come to Chicago Thursday and bring witnesses as to the coal shortage in western Kentucky. McChord says the coal situation in western Kentucky is desperate and something must be done to relieve it.

THAW TRIAL IS SET. New York, Dec. 18.—Harry Thaw will be tried for the murder of Sanford White, January 21, next. Justice Newburger has set the time for the trial today after counsel for Thaw and District Attorney Jerome reached an agreement. Thaw is delighted with the news of an early trial.

NEW RELIGIOUS BILL. Paris, Dec. 18.—By edict of day of the council of ministers a new religious bill, which it is hoped will furnish a basis for compromise of the religious disputes will be presented to the chamber of deputies.

BLAKE'S RECORD AS PRESS AGENT

Leads All Recruiting Officers In District

He Has Enlisted Full Company of Infantry at Paducah Since Last April.

THIS IS THE BEST STATION.

One full company of infantry, on a peace footing, has been enlisted by Sergeant Blake at the local recruiting office, since his arrival in the city April 12. Sixty men form a company and they do not include the enlistments for the hospital and signal corps. A recruiting office might enlist a thousand men for these two branches of the service but no credit is given in the report of enlistments. The average for the Paducah sub-station has been about nine men a month including all enlistments.

As a press agent, the report of the war department shows that Sergeant Blake leads all the officers in the circuit including Paducah, Evansville, Vincennes, Mt. Vernon and Owensboro. Every time a mention of the local recruiting office is made in the daily papers, he must send a copy to the war department, where they are copied for record. In November this office received nine such notices in the papers out of twenty for the five cities. This is half the total number. The larger number of those notices were copied from The Sun.

In November Paducah enlisted nearly half of the total enlistment for the five cities. Paducah enlisted nine out of a total of twenty. Evansville enlisted seven and Owensboro and Vincennes enlisted 4 together. With the exception of cities of the size of New York, Chicago, Boston and St. Louis, the Evansville district, of which Paducah is a part, leads all the districts in the United States for enlistments, considering that this district has only four sub-stations.

Lieut. W. L. Reed accepted three men yesterday for the army, enlisted by Sergeant Blake.

Adjourns Thursday. Washington, Dec. 18.—Both houses of congress will adjourn on Thursday next for the Christmas holidays, unless the senate should change the program adopted by the house.

SEND A MITE

...TO...

THE SUN

...For the...

Christmas Tree

For the Poor

If we get a dime for each subscriber to THE SUN we shall have a total sum—\$400—Use this coupon and send something now.

The Evening Sun, Paducah, Ky.

I inclose a contribution for the Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor children of Paducah.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TREES

Happy Christmas Celebrations This Year

Every Church in Paducah Will Entertain Children, and the Poor Are Remembered.

SOME PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

For those persons who are wont to discuss the decadence of Christmas observance and to grow reminiscent over the good old times in their childhood, it will be interesting to know that no less than eleven Sunday schools will have Christmas trees this year. In fact there seems to be a more thoroughly aroused interest in Christmas this year than in several years.

Several of the churches which will not have Christmas trees, will have entertainments of another nature. Such programs will consist of musical features with recitations and other numbers given principally by children. In one or two schools the children will bring offerings for the poor instead of receiving presents themselves. All of the entertainments which will include a tree, will be prefaced by a brief program in all cases given by the children of the school.

In addition to the usual distribution of necessities to the poor, the Union Rescue Mission will entertain the poor children of the city with a tree. There will be some kind of present for every child who attends.

At the First Presbyterian church the entertainment will include a beautifully decorated tree. It will be given in the Sunday school room Christmas night. The tree will be illuminated with electricity and a generous gift of candy and fruit will be received by each child. The children of Hebron and Mizpah missions will be present.

No Christmas entertainment will be given at the Broadway Methodist church, by the Sunday school, but the primary department will have a program Wednesday afternoon of Christmas week. The Kentucky Avenue Presbyterian church will have an entertainment Christmas night, but no tree.

There will be a manger at Grace Episcopal church into which each child will place a gift for the poor. Afterward they will be entertained in the parish house. On Christmas eve the Sunday school of the First Baptist church will have a tree and a light program of numbers given by members of the school. All the entertainments will be semi-formal.

The First Christian church Sunday school will have a tree Christmas eve and the Tenth Street Christian church also will have one but the evening has not been selected. Both the German Lutheran and the German Evangelical churches will have Christmas trees, and both on Christmas evening. A play will be presented by children at the German Evangelical church.

The Guthrie Avenue Methodist church will have an elaborate tree and every child attending will receive a present. The tree at the Trimble Street Methodist church will be given Christmas night, as will the one at the Mechanicsburg Methodist church.

A play will be given by the children of the Third Street Methodist church, Dec. 26, night.

The trees will be ablaze with candles and sparkling with tinsel. They will be out of sight until the proper moment when the curtain will be drawn or the doors opened revealing the brilliant spectacle. There is a subdued expectancy in all the schools from the approaching events.

RUNAWAY WRECKS MAIL BOX.

Pedestrians Gather Up Letters and New Box Is Installed.

A delivery wagon belonging to the Jones Bros., butchers, wrecked a United States mail box at Third street and Broadway this morning. The horse ran away and in running the wagon was jerked from side to side. A corner of it struck the mail box, burst it into fragments and scattered letters all over the sidewalk. Pedestrians collected the letters and held them until an attaché of the post office department came with a new box. The new box was in place within 20 minutes after the accident. The horse was stopped a short distance away with no damage to the wagon.

Kilaues Again Active. Honolulu, Dec. 18.—Advises by wireless from Hawaie says the volcano of Kilaues is once more active. Three cones have thrown up lava to a height of 150 feet. At night the light from the volcano can be seen for miles.

FELL ON FLOOR. And Fractured Two Ribs But Did Not Know It.

Joe Mattison, the popular sexton of Oak Grove cemetery, for three days suffered great pain from two broken ribs and did not discover that they were fractured until compelled by the pain to call in a physician. He was feeding his horse Saturday morning and tripped. He fell to the staple floor on his left side. His side pained him greatly but he supposed it to be merely bruised. Yesterday Dr. W. C. Eubanks found two of his ribs were fractured.

BURNED HAND

BUT SAVES HIMSELF FROM BEING FATAALLY INJURED.

Little Jesse Barger Displays Rare Presence of Mind—Falls in Open Grate.

With great presence of mind rarely evinced by older persons, Jesse Barger, the four-year-old son of J. W. Barger, of 1864 Guthrie avenue, saved himself from probable fatal burns last evening by thrusting out his hands into the fire and saving his body from being precipitated into an open grate.

Mr. and Mrs. Barger were in the kitchen and the boy in the sitting room at the time. He was playing near the grate and stumbled, falling directly into the fire. He thrust out his right hand and caught the force of the fall, his flesh being severely burned by the hot bed of coals.

When the parents ran to his assistance, on hearing his screams, it was some time before the little fellow could tell what had happened. The burns were dressed by railroad physicians.

WESLEY H. SLACK

RETIRED BANKER FORMERLY OF PADUCAH DIES.

Was Postmaster Under Johnson and Member of Council and School Board.

Wesley H. Slack, 80 years old, formerly vice-president of the City National bank in this city and prominent in local politics and public affairs, died today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Annie B. Lippincott, Mt. Holly, N. J. General debility was the cause of his death. He had been living with his daughter several years. Mr. Slack was a native of New Jersey but came here in 1852 and started a flouring mill. He was interested in a number of enterprises and was postmaster of Paducah under President Johnson. He was member of the city council and of the school board at various times.

He married Miss Anna Langstaff, sister of the late Messrs. Slack and George Langstaff. Mr. Slack is survived by his daughter and one son, John Blake Slack, the latter of Atlantic City.

JAPS LATEST SCHEME.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—United States Consul Jones, at Dally, who arrived yesterday, says the Japanese are carrying out a plan, if it succeeds, will close Asia as a market for American wheat and cotton. The Japanese are colonizing Manchuria on an extensive scale with the idea of raising sufficient wheat to supply Asia. In Korea Jones states they are carrying on elaborate experiments in cotton raising.

GOT HER CLOTHES.

Frances McClain, the Girl Hobo, Arrived in Woman's Garments.

Frances McClain, the girl hobo, arrested Sunday, attired in masculine garments, is dressed in her own finery in the city jail today. Chief of Police Collins got her two packages of clothing out of the express office. The girl is anxious to be on her way south. Her mother lives in Tucson, Ariz. The girl claims to have traveled with a circus and says she is a press feeder and book binder by trade.

WEATHER—Fair tonight and Wednesday, colder tonight, warmer Wednesday. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 36 and the lowest today was 27.

METCALF'S REPORT ON JAP TROUBLES

Submitted By President To Congress Today

Secretary Says Only 93 Japs Attend Public Schools and Nearly All Minors.

ON BOYCOTTS AND ASSAULTS

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt submitted to congress a message, in accordance with an official request, accompanied with the report of Secretary Metcalf concerning the Japanese trouble in San Francisco. The message and report in part are as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I inclose herewith for your information the final report made to me personally by Secretary Metcalf of the situation affecting the Japanese in San Francisco. The report deals with three matters of controversy—first, the exclusion of the Japanese children from the San Francisco schools; second the boycotting of Japanese restaurants, and, third, acts of violence committed against the Japanese.

As to the first matter I call your special attention to the very small number of Japanese children who attend school, to the testimony as to the brightness, cleanliness and good behavior of these Japanese children in the schools, and to the fact that, owing to their being scattered throughout the city, the requirements for them all to go to one special school is impossible of fulfillment and means that they can not have school facilities. Let me point out further that there would be no objection whatever to excluding from the schools any Japanese on the score of age. It is obviously not desirable that young men should go to school with children. The only point is the exclusion of the children themselves. The number of Japanese children attending the public schools in San Francisco was very small. The government has already directed that suit be brought to test the constitutionality of the act in question; but my very earnest hope is that such suit will not be necessary, and that as a matter of comity the citizens of San Francisco will refuse to deprive these young Japanese children of education and will permit them to go to the schools.

The question as to the violence against the Japanese is most admirably put by Secretary Metcalf, and I have nothing to add to his statement. I am entirely confident that, as Secretary Metcalf says, the overwhelming sentiment of the state of California is for law and order and for the protection of the Japanese in their persons and property. Both the chief of police and the acting mayor of San Francisco assured Secretary Metcalf that everything possible would be done to protect the Japanese in the city. I authorized and directed Secretary Metcalf to state that if there was failure to protect persons and property, then the entire power of the federal government within the limits of the Constitution would be used promptly and vigorously to enforce the observance of our treaty, the supreme law of the land, which treaty guaranteed to Japanese residents everywhere in the Union full and perfect protection for their persons and property; and to this end everything in my power would be done, and all the forces of the United States, both civil and military, which I could lawfully employ, would be employed. I call special attention to the concluding sentence of Secretary Metcalf's report of November 26, 1906.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. The White House, Dec. 18, 1906. Appendix. November 26, 1906.

The President: I have the honor to submit the following:

In my previous report I said nothing as to the causes leading up to the action of the school board in passing the resolution of October 11, and the effect of such action upon Japanese children, residents of the city of San Francisco, desiring to attend the public schools of that city. A report on this matter will now be made, therefore; and after describing the local public sentiment concerning the recent disturbances with regard to the Japanese, an account will be given, first, of the boycott maintained by the Cooks and Waiters Union of San Francisco against Japanese restaurants doing business in that city, and, second, of the several cases of assault or injury inflicted upon the persons or property of Japanese residents.

It seems that for several years the board of education of San Francisco has been considering the advisability of establishing separate schools for Chinese, Japanese and Korean children.

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